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## NO RACES TODAY, TRACK TOO MUDDY AND THE BIG FAIR HAS COME TO END

### GOOD RACE PROGRAM FOR THE LAST DAY

Secretary Camden Sommers made official announcement Saturday morning that there would be no races today. There is six inches of mud on the track and the horsemen positively refused to take the horses out on the track. And so the first annual fair of the West Virginia Fair Association ended Friday evening.

As has been stated rain interfered materially with the racing program and doubtless kept thousands from the fair, but under the circumstances the fair has been something to be proud of. The management and the horsemen are to be admired for their determination and fortitude, as the wet weather would have tried the patience of Job. But untried they continued the fair one day, thus consuming nearly the entire week, and succeeded in carrying out the program.

The events of Friday were all closely watched and hugely enjoyed by the spectators, but the 2-13 pace was the race in which the most interest centered. While Alf Patchen was the favorite and thousands of dollars worth of pools were sold at odds as high as ten to one for him against the field, yet he did not have a walk-away by any manner of means. The Fairmont horse was really the favorite as far as personal popularity was concerned and the multitude loudly applauded his good performances. The idea that the race was "fixed" is absurd, but still local horsemen seemed to object to a stranger coming in and getting the cream of the day. Therefore Alf Patchen had his work cut out and right nobly did he meet it. He won the first two heats of the race while in these Hal R. finished second and fourth respectively. In the third heat Hal R. nosed the favorite in a driving finish while the Fairmont horse also captured the fourth in which Patchen was hopeless behind, finishing in fourth place again. The fifth heat was started on an extremely heavy and slow track. Rain had been descending steadily for nearly half an hour when the get-away was made. The two favorites were having an even thing of it until the stretch was reached on the first round. Just in front of the stand the Pennsylvania horse nosed by his rival but not to any appreciable extent. From that time on until the wire was crossed the horses did not have a length to spare but Patchen won the money and the crowd went home. Time 2:12 1/4, 2:10 1/4, 2:11 1/4, 2:13 1/4 and 2:21 1/4.

### THREE DRUNKS CAME BACK

Police court this morning consisted of three repeaters from Friday. Lis West was the first one. To tell the truth he wasn't tried Friday morning because in some manner he was overlooked. He went immediately from the court and got so drunk that he had to be arrested again before noon. He was fined \$4.00 but had no money.

David Hardy is the one-legged man who was allowed to go Friday upon his solemn promise to leave town. He had only been out a short time until the officers were sent for by a business man on Main street who said Hardy was insulting every woman who passed. The chances are that he will get a stiff jail sentence.

John Shuster was the remaining one and he got a five dollar fine but couldn't pay it.

### UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION DATES

There has been some misunderstanding concerning the dates of the meeting of the Union Baptist Association. The session will be held at Dunham Memorial Church at Belington, on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 21 and 22, 1906. The opening session will be at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

R. B. McDANIEL, Clerk.

### Pawn Shop

Lewis Spirro, of Morgantown, will shortly open a pawn broker's shop in the room in the Waldo hotel, formerly occupied by the James Shepherd Company, on Fourth street. The room is being prepared so that he may open the middle of the month for business.

George W. Bland, of West Union, is here on business. W. Burns McGregor, who has been here attending the fair, left last night for his home in Parkersburg.

### TAFT TO ADDRESS CONVENTION

CHARLESTON, Aug. 11.—Information has been received by Secretary R. B. Naylor, that Secretary of War Taft will speak at the annual convention of the West Virginia Board of Trade; also Hon. Richard H. Edmonds, of Baltimore, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, and a well known authority on southern industries generally.

The convention will be held in the Elks' hall at Charleston, Oct. 9 and 10, and a committee has been appointed by the Charleston Chamber of Commerce to look after the details and assist the State body in preparing for the big event.

Albert Phenix, the well known correspondent of the Manufacturers' Record, who has been in the city for the past few days on one of his periodical visits, believes that the State board convention will be highly successful and very interesting from the fact that in addition to the principal speakers mentioned there will be a number of others of national prominence.

### NO FREE BEER IN THIS CITY

Lately the press of the country has been full of reports, which state that there is free beer here, and one local paper went so far as to say Reymann had actually placed free beer in the saloons. The truth is the only free beer was to some of the colored visitors at the annual Pythian meeting here last week, when they visited the Clarksburg brewery upon invitation. Some of the breweries are indignant over the report and have gone to far as to demand a retraction and may sue for damages besides. Some of the breweries are furnishing the saloons ice so low that it might be considered almost free and that is the only foundation for the reports of free beer. The saloon keepers pay as usual for beer and sell it at the usual price.

### CHARTER GRANTED FOR RAILROAD

Two charters, both for state concerns have been issued by the secretary of state, as follows:

The Elk, Birch & Gauley River Railroad Company, principal office Clarksburg; to build a line to commence at Glendon to Camden-on-Gauley. Capital, \$100,000. Incorporators: Thomas F. Welsh, Grafton; Gaylor Basset, Amos; C. A. Short, Shinnston; G. F. Perry, Gassaway, and Enoch C. Tetrick, Clarksburg.

Public Building & Loan Association, of Charles Town; to encourage frugality and home building, loan money, etc. Capital, \$130,000, of which \$1,300 has been subscribed and \$130 paid. Incorporators: W. A. Hogg, Myers Palmbaum, C. E. Miley, O. M. Phillips, John Porterfield and others.

### ANNUAL REUNION OF THE LUTHERANS

The third annual reunion of Lutherans will be held at Mt. Lake Park, Md., Friday, Aug. 17. All Lutherans, their friends and neighbors are heartily invited. There will be excellent music, eloquent speeches and good fellowship. There will be a mass meeting at the auditorium at 1 o'clock sharp. The speakers will be Rev. Charles F. Steck, Rev. George W. Miller, D.D., Rev. George W. Eners, D.D., and Rev. J. G. Butler, D.D., L. L. D. Excursion rates will be given and it is expected the attendance will be large. Several will go from Clarksburg.

R. S. Ogden, Sr., returned last night from Mt. Lake Park, where he spent a short vacation.

### PARDON IS ASKED FOR DENT

Austin, Texas, Aug. 11.—A powerful appeal has been made to Governor Lanham from influential all over Texas and West Virginia to grant a pardon to W. J. Dent, who is serving a life sentence in the State penitentiary at Huntsville for forging the pardon of George Isaac, another convict who was serving a life sentence for murder. Dent belongs to a prominent family in West Virginia. D. H. Leonard, a lawyer of Parkersburg, W. Va., in a letter written in the interest of Dent's application for a pardon, says:

"I have known Dent for a number of years and am acquainted with all his family, who are very prominent in this city and state. His uncle served for many years as Judge of our United States District Court for this district. One of his uncles was governor of the state; another uncle was judge of our circuit and criminal courts for several terms."

Dent was serving a two year's term in the Texas penitentiary when he became acquainted with Isaac. He was in for forgery and Isaac suggested that his adept use of the pen might give him his liberty. Isaac had rich relatives and it was arranged that if Dent succeeded in doing the job he would be paid \$10,000 for his work.

Dent began work on the scheme as soon as he was released from prison. He came to Austin and called at the office of Governor Sayer. He used an assumed name and claimed to be a cattleman from Montana. He stated that his object was to offer a protest against a certain convict's pardon. This convict was formerly a Montana cowboy and application for his pardon was pending.

Dent obtained access to the records and got hold of a blank pardon. He filled this out, stamped it with the State's seal, signed Governor Sayer's name to it and mailed it in an official envelope of the executive office. It reached the superintendent of the penitentiary at Huntsville in the usual regular way of all pardons and there was no suspicion aroused that it was not legal in every way.

### HARDWARE MEN ARE TO MEET

The first annual convention of the Retail Hardware Association of West Virginia is to be held in Wheeling on the 5th, 6th and 7th of September, arrangements having been completed. The sessions will be held in the auditorium of the Board of Trade and will be a representative gathering of prominent hardware people from all portions of the state. The matters to come up will include the election of new officers, the discussion of trade subjects and planning for certain legislation for the protection and helping of the business.

The present head of the association is T. K. Clellan, of Fairmont, and he will preside at the sessions. During the three days that the meeting continues there will be in the city in the neighborhood of a couple of hundred prominent retail hardware merchants.

### ODD FELLOWS PICNIC

The Odd Fellows of Taylor county will hold a union basket picnic on the college grounds at Flemington on Saturday, Aug. 18. Hon. S. P. Bell, grand master of the State, together with other prominent Odd Fellows, will be present and deliver addresses. Vincent's band will furnish music throughout the entire day. There will be funny races, various contests and a first-class game of base ball. All Odd Fellows, their families and friends are especially invited to be present.

James B. Martin was here last evening from Bridgeport. J. N. Wilkinson, of Bridgeport, was in the city last evening.

### DILLON SUSTAINED BY COURT

CHARLESTON, Aug. 11.—The supreme court has rendered an opinion in the case of C. W. Dillon, tax commissioner and others, against the county court of Braxton county, for a preemptory mandamus to compel the county court of Braxton to lay its levy according to the law restricting it to only seven per cent increase over that of 1904.

Commissioner Dillon was sustained and the supreme court entered an order that a writ of preemptory mandamus be and is awarded against the county court of Braxton county, Jacob Huffman, president of said court and John I. Bender and E. H. Cunningham, commissioners of said court, commanding them to convene as such court and lay a levy upon the taxable property of said county for county purposes, including district road taxes as many cents on the one hundred dollars valuation thereof as will produce a sum that will not exceed by more than seven per cent the aggregate amount of taxes levied by it in the year 1904 for such purposes.

Attorneys for the county court asked for a suspension of the order and an appeal to the United States court both of which the court denied. Appeal can be had by application to the United States supreme court itself.

The case from McDowell county involving assessment of certain bank property goes over until the Charleston term. No written opinion has yet been filed in the Braxton county case.

### LEPER GETS QUARRELSOME

Impatient at the delay in settling his case, George Rossett, the Syrian leper, who is now located at the edge of the woods along the B. & O. railroad tracks near Pickens, is fast changing from a docile to a quarrelsome disposition. He refuses to eat and has made threats of spreading the disease. Dr. Huff, of Backhannon, a member of the state board of health, has placed guards around him, enclosing the place with ropes. Rossett declares he will break away if something is not done with him soon. Heretofore he has been willing to abide with anything.

### EXAGGERATED ARE TYPHOID FEVER REPORTS

The reports going the rounds of the press about a typhoid fever epidemic at Richwood are very greatly exaggerated, though there are several cases there and the mayor has issued a proclamation. These reports have there are more than a hundred cases. An investigation shows there are thirteen cases in the hospital and twelve cases in an unclean section of the place. This place is in the suburbs. Of the cases in the hospital nine are from a lumber camp some distance from the town. The business and residence portions are not affected, and citizens of the place are making a strong protest against the publication of such wild reports.

### STAG PARTY IS GIVEN

Among the social events of the week was a stag party given by Walter B. Wilson at his home at 454 Mechanic street in honor of his twentieth-fourth anniversary of his birth. At 6:30 o'clock dinner was served to five guests, namely, Mayor P. H. Shields, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Wehner, P. F. McDonnell and W. A. Vance. It was epicurian and greatly enjoyed. The party expressed the hope that Mr. Wilson might see many happy returns of the day.

T. M. Sullivan was here Saturday from Mt. Clare on business. M. O. Whiteman, of Wallace, is in the city on business.

### OHIO VALLEY EXPRESS IS BADLY WRECKED

### CLINE JACKSON'S CONDITION BAD

The condition of Cline Jackson, who was peppered with shot by Andrew Hardman, is much more serious than at first reported. At least three of the shot went in above the hip bone and he now suffers from inflammation of the bowels. It will be several days before it can be fully determined whether he will recover. Hardman is still in jail and will remain there until more can be determined as to Jackson's injuries as to their being fatal or not.

### BARNES INJURED BY LIVE WIRE

J. Walter Barnes, Fairmont, general manager of the Consolidated Telephone company, is suffering from coming in contact with a live telephone wire Thursday evening. He was greatly stunned and narrowly escaped electrocution. His condition is not very serious. He was with one of the company's workers, when the accident occurred.

### PICTURE SHOW TONIGHT

There will be a fine moving picture show at the Grand opera house tonight. "The Twenty-Three Brothers," "Who Stole the Lamb?" and "Saved by the Pillar," will be the attractions. The show opens promptly at 8 o'clock. The admission will be only five cents. A big crowd is expected.

### Private Dance Given

A very delightful private dance was given at the park last night by Vallie Boughner, Frank Gill, John Romine and William Mulheran with Wells' orchestra furnishing the music. Twenty-two couples were present and enjoyed the events of the evening. Refreshments were served at a reasonable hour. All pronounced the affair a decided success.

### Low Leaves

Charles L. Low, of Chicago, representing Barnhart Brothers & Spindler, who has been here a number of days installing a fine new press for the Telegram in the Empire building, left Saturday morning for Painesville, Ohio, to do some work there for his firm and will return here next Thursday. He has made many friends here during his short stay in the city.

### Old Virginia Honey

Squire S. W. Gordon received fifteen hundred pounds of Old Virginia honey Saturday that has been pronounced the finest ever seen in these parts. He will dispose of the greater part of it at reasonable prices.

### Stiff Sentence

Dudley Weekly, the young farmer who was attempting to strike President B. B. Stout, of the new fair association, with steel knuckles Friday, was tried before Squire Harry Gordon Friday night and found guilty. He claimed he was drunk and not responsible for his actions. He was fined \$25.00 and costs and sixty days in jail.

### Deeds Recorded

William W. Young to E. D. Brown, trustee, 97 acres of Coal, Tenmile district.  
Henry H. Green to Ella Green, 1 lot, Sardis district.  
Charles H. Robins et al. to Daniel D. Congleton, 1 lot, Jarvis addition, city.

### Black Boy Held

Jim Haskins, "Black Boy," had his hearing for stealing a suit of clothes last evening and Squire Harry Gordon held him in the sum of \$100 to the circuit court.

The Ohio Valley Express, the fast train on the Ohio River division of the Baltimore & Ohio was badly wrecked Friday night opposite Clarksburg. A switch was left open to a siding on which a gravel train was standing. The express ran full speed into the switch and piled on top of the gravel train.

The damage done was fearful. The engine was practically a total wreck and the cars were wrenched and torn and made unfit for service. Telegraph poles were pulled down, making it impossible to get detailed news of the wreck.

So far as can be ascertained but one man was fatally hurt, Bert Sayers, engineer of the express. The passengers were shaken up and bruised but not seriously hurt.

### BOSWELL RETIRES FROM COMPANY

J. L. Boswell is no longer connected in any way with the Douglas-Rauch Coal Company. He has resigned as secretary of the company and disposed of his holdings in the company's property.

Mr. Boswell had been with the company every since it organized about two years ago, and is an experienced coal operator, whose services have been of great value to the company and to mining operations in the district.

As yet he is undetermined as to what he will engage in, but for the present he will take a well merited rest. He will remain a resident of Clarksburg, the Telegram is glad to say. He has many warm friends since coming here.

### PATCHEN FORCED TO RACE FAST

Alf Patchen, the game pacing horse which took the big event of the present meet Friday, has made his last appearance on this track. The horse goes to the grand circuit next week. His owner figures that to get within the money on that route occasionally is better than to race the horse regularly on the smaller tracks. There was method in the stiff race Patchen was forced to put up Friday. The other owners realize that he is one of the best horses now on the smaller circuits and tracks and they earnestly endeavored to make him reel off a mark that would bar him in like event in the future. They succeeded.

### OIL NEWS

In the lower end of the old Wolf Summit field in this county, the South Penn company has completed a test on the A. A. Bailey farm and has a 10-barrel pumper in the Gordon formation.

Near Sedalia, Doddridge county, the Hope Natural Gas company has completed a test on the Cork-Davis farm and has a gasser in the Gordon. The various gas companies are beginning active development work in this county.

In the Folsom district, this county, the South Penn Oil Company has completed its No. 10 on the T. J. Parish farm to a depth of 3,037 feet and the hole has filled up 2,600 feet with fluid.

### Husband Beat Her

Mrs. May Drummond, of Columbia mines, swore out a warrant Friday before Squire Harry Gordon for her husband, N. D. Drummond on the charge of assaulting and beating her. The trial will be held Monday.

### Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carr wish to thank their many friends for the kindness and courtesy shown them during the sickness and death of their father, Mr. Justin Rittenhouse.